

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Education Committee - 20 February 2006
Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 20 February 2006
Personnel Committee - 13 March 2006

REPORT ON: Continuation of Physical Activity Services Within Early Years and
Childcare Services

REPORT BY: Director of Education and Director of Leisure and Communities and
Assistant Chief Executive (Management)

REPORT NO: 96-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to continue the successful collaboration between the Early Years and Childcare Partnership Team and the Leisure and Communities Department Sports Development Section to provide a range of physical activity services to children aged under 5 and their families and to children and young people accessing Out of School Childcare.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education and Leisure and Arts Committees note and approve the content of this report and agree to the continuation of the Sure Start Physical Activity Programme provided by two full time officers, the support programme for young children with additional support needs with an additional day of provision per week, which are key to the delivery of the Physical Activity Strategy for Children from Birth to Five and to the continuation of the Out of School Care Physical Activity Programme provided by one full time officer.

2.2 The Personnel Committee is asked to approve the extension to the following posts until 31 March 2008.

- Full Time Youth Sports Officer (Pre School) X 2 Grade AP3 (18,381-20,169)
- Full Time Children's Sports/Activities Coordinator Grade AP2 (16,515-17,877)
- Part Time Pre School Disability Activities Officer Grade AP2 (16,515-17,877)(Pro Rata)

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The full cost of this proposal is £96,853 in 2006-07 and £100,316 in 2007-08 and will be met from funding for Sure Start, Workforce Development and Childcare Strategies made available to the local authority from the Scottish Executive. A breakdown of the costs and funding is shown in Appendix 1.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This funding will support and improve access to services, skills and knowledge needed to enable everyone to play a full part in society.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 These proposals will enhance choice and diversity in childcare and family support provision in Dundee and will further strengthen partnership and integration of services across departments.

6.0 **MAIN TEXT**

BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL

6.1 **Dundee Out of School Care Network Physical Activity Sessions**

For the last two years, Dundee's Early Years and Childcare Partnership have worked in partnership with the Leisure and Communities Department's Sports Development Section to provide programmes of physical activity in the Out Of School Care Network.

A full time Children's Sports/Activities Co-ordinator (CSAC) manages the programme, which is delivered in all 18 Out of School Care Clubs across the city. Clubs receive regular physical activity sessions, on a weekly basis in a variety of activities, delivered by a team of qualified coaches.

Future funding for the CSAC will allow the development of the programme to provide recognised training and support to develop the leaders and supervisors, particularly through the use of The British Heart Foundation Active Club Resource and Sports Leader UK's Community Sports Leader Award. The purpose is to empower the staff to enable them to organise the physical activity and sports sessions without the necessity of providing a sports coach.

6.2 **Sure Start Physical Activity Programme**

Sure Start funding has supported the development of a range of physical activity programmes for children from birth to five and their families in a range of Early Years settings including nurseries, parent and toddler groups, family support centres, church groups and private nurseries.

A co-ordinated approach is taken with the two full time Sure Start Officers working closely with other Pre-School Physical Activity Officers within the Sports Development Section and the Early Years and Childcare Team to provide a variety of term time and holiday programmes within local communities across the city which link with curriculum and play development and national and local priorities.

The Sure Start Officer's specifically target hard to reach groups to participate within the overall Community Physical Activity Programme through a flexible needs based approach.

Future funding would allow the continuation and expansion of these programmes to enable more families with young children to benefit from leading a physically active lifestyle.

6.3 **One To One Programme**

The 1 to 1 programme is set up through a partnership between The Early Years Home Visiting Service and the Leisure and Communities Department's Sports Development Section to accommodate the needs of preschool children with Additional Support Needs (ASN). The class allows children with ASN to participate in regular physical activity in a 1 to 1 setting to suit their individual needs.

The programme has been highlighted as valuable and worthwhile as it allows children to develop confidence to be able to join in with their nursery groups and show an improved ability to cope in social settings.

Future funding will ensure that the programme can be expanded to allow more children to participate and enable methods to be investigated which can attract families who would generally be regarded as hard to reach.

The funding will support an existing pre school disability activities officer for one additional day per week to deliver the one to one programme.

6.4 **Staffing Implications**

The continuation of funding as detailed above will result in the four posts being sustained until 31 March 2008.

The officers will remain within the Physical Activities Team of the Leisure and Communities Department's Sports Development Section and will be managed by the Physical Activities Development Officer.

The officers will be further supported through the establishment of regular formal and informal communication and monitoring in conjunction with staff from the Early Years and Childcare Partnership

7.0 **CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) and Director of Social Work have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents. The trade unions have also been consulted on the staffing implications contained in this report.

8.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None

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6 March 2006

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Physical Education Within Early Years and Childcare Services
Financial Summary

2006/07

Expenditure	Staff Costs	Coaching Costs	Other Costs	Total
Dundee Out of School Club	£22,698	£8,000	£4,430	£35,128
One-to-One	£3,045	£0	£0	£3,045
Sure Start	£47,680	£0	£11,000	£58,680
Total	£73,423	£8,000	£15,430	£96,853

Funding	
Sure Start	£44,010
Workforce Development	£32,234
Childcare Strategy	£20,609
Total	£96,853

2007/08

Expenditure	Staff Costs	Coaching Costs	Other Costs	Total
Dundee Out of School Club	£23,605	£8,320	£4,432	£36,357
One-to-One	£3,165	£0	£0	£3,165
Sure Start	£49,794	£0	£11,000	£60,794
Total	£76,564	£8,320	£15,432	£100,316

Funding	
Sure Start	£45,596
Workforce Development	£33,377
Childcare Strategy	£21,343
Total	£100,316